



## Indianapolis Firm Partners with CDC

Indianapolis-based Sentry Logistic Solutions has announced an agreement with The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention to provide storage and distribution of its national strategic reserve of the influenza virus vaccine. The contract calls for Sentry to warehouse and distribute more than 500,000 vaccine doses from its pharmaceutical cold chain logistics center.

Sentry Logistic Solutions announced today that The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) signed a contract to outsource storage and distribution of its national strategic reserve of the influenza virus vaccine. Sentry will warehouse and distribute more than 500,000 vaccine doses from its pharmaceutical cold chain logistics center. The company will benefit from its vast experience storing and transporting regulated, temperature-sensitive pharmaceutical products. Ensuring product integrity, supply chain security and fast, efficient distribution is critical in the storage and dispersal of disease-preventing vaccines.

"Sentry's vaccine storage and distribution services were developed in an effort to help government entities, hospitals and public health care agencies make the proper storage arrangements for their vaccine stockpiles as they prepare for the winter immunization season," said Jennifer Marcum, Sentry's chief executive officer. "The opportunity to provide this service to The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention validates the value that we bring organizations that require highly specialized cold chain management programs for their drug products."

Sentry's vaccine storage and distribution service was specifically designed to protect the efficacy of vaccine inventories throughout the supply chain. The company has the expertise, facility, personnel and protocols to securely store, accurately track and quickly transport vaccines anywhere in the continental United States. Sentry's third-party logistics (3PL) services are ideally suited for state and federal health organizations' distribution and pandemic response plans for managing vaccine and biologic strategic reserves. Sentry's facility, systems and processes meet the CDC's recommendations for proper vaccine storage and handling procedures ([www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vac-mgtbook.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/vac-mgtbook.htm)).

Additionally, the company holds the appropriate local, state and federal licenses and accreditations for safely handling and transporting regulated drug products.

Organizations that utilize Sentry's vaccine storage and distribution services receive many benefits including:

- Assurance that vaccine storage and supply chain systems are secure, meet specific temperature requirements and are CDC-compliant;

- End-to-end logistics assistance, significantly compressing the timetable to distribute vaccines to multiple sites;
- Advanced inventory management systems that document the vaccines' entire chain of custody and track the drugs' temperature history as well as product receipts, shipments and expiration dates;
- Rapid response to public health crises such as disease outbreaks, vaccine shortages and disruption of the vaccine supply; and
- Flexible short-term, long-term, emergency and contingency vaccine storage, logistics and distribution programs as well as fully outsourced supply chain solutions.

### About Sentry Logistic Solutions

Sentry Logistic Solutions is one of the few cGMP temperature-controlled storage and third party logistics (3PL) providers in the United States to exclusively serve the global pharmaceutical, biotechnology and health care industries. Its facilities, infrastructure and services are specifically designed to meet the warehousing, packaging and logistics needs of pharma and biotech firms, health care providers and suppliers, contract research organizations (CROs), contract manufacturing organizations (CMOs), wholesalers, distributors and government entities.

Sentry's management team offers expertise in cold chain storage and logistics, quality assurance, pharmaceutical packaging and kitting development. Sentry also offers strategic solutions for domestic and international transportation and logistics as well as end-to-end import and export management. The company's validated processes and inventory tracking systems are FDA compliant, adhere to Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and comply with stringent standard operating procedures (SOP) outlined in Sentry's Validation Master Plan. Sentry is VAWD® accredited, which ensures its storage, handling and distribution methods meet the recognized guidelines of the National Association of Board of Pharmacy®.

The company is privately-held and strategically headquartered in Indianapolis, Ind. For more information about the company, please visit [www.SentryLogistic.com](http://www.SentryLogistic.com) or call (866) 757-7400.